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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor: D. Goldschmidt et al.) Confirmation No: 1234
Serial No.: 10/588,024)
Filed: May 31, 2007) Examiner: M. Aboagye
Title REPAIR SOLDERING METHOD FOR REPAIRING A COMPONENT WHICH
COMPRIMES A BASE MATERIAL WITH AN ORIENTED
MICROSTRUCTURE

Commissioner For Patents

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2009, the Examiner asserts that the claims include three patentably distinct groups and requires Applicant to select for examination one of the following groups:

- Group I Claims 11-19, drawn to a method for repairing a component,
- Group II Claims 20-22, drawn to a method for repairing a turbine blade, and
- Group III Claims 23-25, drawn to repaired article/component,

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's determination of patentable distinctness between each of the Groups and in response elect, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes the patentably distinct invention specified in **Group 1** (Claims 11-19). However, Applicant urges the Examiner to **carefully reconsider** the patentable distinctness determinations made as set forth in MPEP 806.04(h) and 808.01(a) in regards to the impact on prior art references in future divisional applications.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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